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HB 2544: Arizona manufactured; modified firearms
Sponsor: Representative Diaz, LD 19
Transmitted to the Governor

Overview

Exempts personal firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition that are modified in Arizona and remain in Arizona from federal laws and regulations enacted pursuant to Congress's authority to regulate interstate commerce.

History

A.R.S. § 13-3114, enacted by Laws 2010, Chapter 18, § 1, exempts certain Arizona manufactured firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition from federal laws and regulations enacted under color of Congress's authority to regulate interstate commerce. Along with this statute's passage, Laws 2010, Chapter 18, § 2, made several legislative findings regarding U.S. Const. amends. II, IX and X; Ariz. Const. art. II, § 26; and the power of the states to regulate intrastate commerce.

Specifically, beginning on October 1, 2010, <u>A.R.S. § 13-3114</u> exempts from federal law or regulation, including registration, any personal firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition that:

- 1) Is commercially or privately manufactured in Arizona from basic materials, and that can be manufactured without importing significant parts from out-of-state; and
- 2) Remains within the state of Arizona.

The statute further exempts from federal regulation any imported firearms accessory, generic or insignificant part or basic materials that are incorporated into, attached to or used in conjunction with a firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition manufactured in Arizona. Any firearm that is manufactured and sold in Arizona pursuant to this statute must have the words made in Arizona clearly stamped on a central metallic part such as the receiver or frame. This exemption does not apply to any firearm that:

- 1) Cannot be carried and used by one person;
- 2) Has a bore diameter of more than one and one-half inches and that uses smokeless powder as a propellent; and
- 3) Discharges two or more projectiles with one activation of the trigger or firing device.

The statute also defines *firearm accessory*, *general or insignificant part* and *manufactured* (A.R.S. § 13-3114).

Provisions

- Adds a personal firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition that is modified in Arizona and remains in Arizona to existing statute exempting those same items that are manufactured in Arizona and remain in Arizona from federal laws or regulations enacted pursuant to Congress's authority to regulate interstate commerce. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Requires an applicable firearm to have the words "modified in Arizona" clearly stamped on a central metallic part such as a receiver or frame. (Sec. 1)

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- 3. Defines modified. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Removes the October 1, 2010, effective date set in current statute. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)